Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



Judiciary Committee

HB 2506

Title: An act relating to technical corrections to the Revised Code of Washington.

Brief Description: Making technical corrections to the Revised Code of Washington.

Sponsors: Representative Goodman; by request of Statute Law Committee.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Makes technical corrections to various sections of the Revised Code of Washington.

Hearing Date: 1/11/10

Staff: Courtney Barnes (786-7194).

Background:

Inaccuracies in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) may occur in a variety of ways. Sections may be repealed, recodified, or amended in a way that changes their internal numbering, or drafting and typographical errors may be made in the drafting process. References to these sections or subsections in other provisions of the RCW then become incorrect. A bill may change a particular term and references to these terms in other provisions of the RCW become inaccurate.

In a given legislative session, two or more bills may amend the same section of the RCW without reference to each other. These are called "double" or "multiple" amendments. Usually there are no substantive conflicts between double amendments, and the amendments may be merged. In the event that multiple amendments substantively conflict and cannot be merged, the last amendment that was passed controls.

Summary of Bill:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Technical corrections are made to various provisions of the RCW. The technical corrections include changes to correct inaccurate references to terms that have been changed and inaccurate cross-references resulting from amendments, recodifications, or repealers. In addition, a section of the RCW is re-enacted to merge double amendments.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.